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of kist may extend to more than one taluk. Anyway, I will wait for further reports and do what all is possible to give relief."

Sri G. YELLAMANDA REDDI :—" రాష్ట్రంలో జాస్తి రిమిషను యివ్వటానికి కరువు వివిధంగా ఎక్కడెక్కడ వున్నదనే సంగతి కలెక్టర్లద్వారా తప్పితే, మంత్రిగారికి తెలియదా? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Apart from the fact that I do not know anything about the information the hon. Member gives, I do not understand the question itself."

Sri K. R. SAMBANDAM :—" May I know whether remission is given only to those who pay less than hundred rupees by way of kist or to all? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" In all deserving cases, remission is given. Probably the hon. Member refers to some recent Government Order mentioned in some papers."

Sri K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" Is there any rule or Government Order that the question of remission of kist should be considered by the tahsildar if only the whole sub-division is affected by drought? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" That rule applies to the dry lands. For wet lands it is a different thing. Even if small portions are affected, remission will be given."

Appointment of Gurkhas to watch the police constables during the strike period.

* 105 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether any Gurkhas were kept in Madras to watch the police constables recently during their period of non-acceptance of salaries?

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The question is based on a misapprehension. This Government did not employ any Gurkhas or others to watch the police constables during the recent agitation."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are not the Government aware of 9 a.m.
the reports published in the Press about the use of Gurkha soldiers in the Police stations to watch the police constables who refused to receive their pay? If, as the Hon. the Chief Minister says, it is not correct why did not the Government contradict the statements made in the Press? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" There is no need, Sir, to contradict every false allegation."

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" All the responsible Press in the City made that statement . . ."

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Not about the use of Gurkha soldiers. It is a misapprehension."

SRI S. VEMIAH :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, we did not hear what the reply of the Hon. the Chief Minister was to the question put by the Leader of the Opposition."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, you will permit me to inform the hon. Member what I said across the table to the hon. the Leader of the Opposition. What I told him was that there was no use, or agitation against the use, of Gurkhas, and it was a misapprehension. That is what I told him. He sat down wisely. Why should the hon. Member raise it again? "

Question No. 106 postponed to 25th March 1953.

Representations from the Ratepayers' Association, Badvel, Cuddapah district.

* 107 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member Sri V. Chidanandam is not in his seat, the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI V. CHIDANANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in a memorial, dated the 29th April 1952, to the Government the members of the Ratepayers' Association, Badvel, Cuddapah district, brought to the notice of the Government the disqualification of the member-president of the Panchayat Board, Badvel, to continue as President as he was village munsif on the 1st April 1951;

(*b*) if so, what action the Government took; and

(*c*) if no action was taken, what are the reasons?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards to whom the petition was transferred, had informed the Ratepayers' Association, Badvel, that as the President, Badvel Panchayat, resigned the Village Munsif's post with effect from the 29th March 1951 he was not disqualified to continue as a member of the panchayat. A further representation in the matter has been received from this Association, and it is being examined separately.

" (*c*) Does not arise."

Residential quarters for the staff working in Araku valley area.

* 108 *Q.*—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that repeated representations have been received by the Government for proper residential quarters for the officials working in Araku valley scheme in Visakhapatnam district; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?